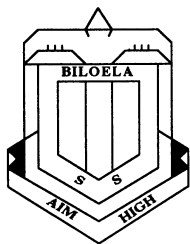


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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the elders, past, present and future, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Indigenous Australia.

Principals' Message.....

Welcome to the last newsletter of Term 1. Was that really 50 days????

I thank everyone for the terrific start to the year and congratulate our Preppies on surviving their first term of school. I would like to wish all our families and staff a very Happy Easter and Autumn Vacation Break. Enjoy the time spent with your families and friends. We look forward to hearing about the holiday break when school recommences on Tuesday, 22 April.

Cross Country

Friday 4 April we will be running our annual Cross Country. Parents are reminded that this event is part of our Health and Physical Education Curriculum for this term. Please ensure your child wears a hat, sunscreen and brings a water bottle.

The Senior Cross Country will be held at the High School from 9-11am. Students aged 9-13 years will be running for their houses. The course is 1km long and it tracks around the bottom and top of the High School ovals. Students aged 11, 12 and 13 years will complete a 3km course (3 laps) and 9 and 10 years will complete a 2km course (2 laps). This year students finishing in the top 4 positions (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th) will be invited to attend the Port Curtis Trials being held in Gladstone on Friday 9th May, 2014. Students are encouraged to dress in their house colours with appropriate footwear.

The Junior Cross Country (Prep—Year 3) will be from 1:50-2:55 on the Primary School grounds. The aim of the day is to get as many students as possible participating and having a great time cheering on their team mates so that they can be prepared for the Cross Country competition when they are 9 and up. All students who participate will receive a sticker on completion of the race. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours on the day.

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Parents and other family members are most welcome to attend the school's commemoration of **ANZAC Day, Thursday 24 April** commencing at **2pm** in the assembly area. It promises to be another fitting and moving tribute to the spirit of ANZAC. All students are invited to march with the school for the **Biloela ANZAC Day March** on ANZAC Day, Friday, 25TH April. Families are also encouraged to stay afterwards for the **ANZAC Day service**. Biloela State School has always been very well represented at local ANZAC Day commemorations and our school community would like to see this tradition continue. Assembly for the march will begin at 9:30am in Callide Street at Achievement Park (near the Biloela Information Centre) with the march to commence at 10:00am, followed immediately by the service.

Pick up and Drop off

Could we remind Parents and Caregivers once again of the start and finish times for our school? Class commences at 8.45 am each morning. As the term has progressed, we have noticed an unfortunate trend of some students' arrival to class later and later. Office staff are having a similar problem at the end of the day. We would appreciate if you could collect your child/children promptly as staff are regularly rostered onto duties and are required to attend meetings.

NAPLAN

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will take the 2014 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Excessive preparation is not useful and can lead to unnecessary anxiety.

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. ACARA (Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority) does not recommend the use of commercial products, such as booklets and practice tests, to help your child prepare for NAPLAN tests. None of the commercial products currently on the market are endorsed by ACARA. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. The NAPLAN 2014 Information for Parents brochure is now available. Follow the website address below to access this document.

http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2014_Information_for_parents_brochure_web.pdf

New cyber safety website

The 'Meet the Creeps' cyber safety website helps parents and students become aware of online scams, social media pitfalls and cyber bullying. The joint Telstra and Queensland Government project aims to equip middle school students with the skills to keep safe online.

Crackers the Clown and Shifty Shane are just two of the characters you will meet in a new interactive quiz designed to highlight potential online dangers.

<http://exchange.telstra.com.au/2014/03/24/meet-the-creeps-start-a-conversation-with-this-cyber-safety-quiz/>



'SUPPORT THE FARMERS' DISCO

After seeing on Facebook, that our community was supporting farmers facing severe, widespread, drought conditions throughout the country, School Captain Zali Eckel approached our principal Mr S and asked if we as a school could also do something to help the farmers. Suggestions made were a disco or free dress day. The disco was decided with the theme 'Come Dressed As Country'.

Lots of students and teachers showed their support by dressing up. On the night fancy dress was judged and our winning participants were:- Shakira and Adam Simpkins, Adam Mears, Ty Madden, Kasa Waqa and Jemma Torr.

A good time was had by all with \$250 going to support the farmers. A huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported this worthy cause.



EVERYONE BELONGS

March 21st was Harmony Day, a day to celebrate Australia's diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from various countries around the world. The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs.

At Biloela State Primary School we have 62 students, from other countries, with English as an Alternative Language/Dialect. These students come from Brazil, Vietnam, China, India, Philippines, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, and South Africa. The school also conducts a multicultural Mothers' Group every Thursday from 10am to 11am.

To celebrate Harmony Day this year every student at Biloela State Primary School coloured in a paper doll cut-out and each class joined each of the paper dolls together 'holding hands'. These class groups of paper dolls were then hung on the school fence along Rainbow Street and Gladstone Road. Students hanging their class groups of paper dolls on the fence were delighted by the toots and honks and waves from cars and trucks driving past showing their support.



Also included as a part of the Harmony Day celebration, every student at the school placed



their painted hand print on the "Sitting Place" in preparation for the official opening which was conducted last Friday 28th April 2014.



CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 4th, Ages 9-13 years are starting at 9am at the High School. This is a competitive event where students get points for places and participation.

Prep – Year 3 are at 1.50pm at our school oval and is a participation event. Students are welcome to wear their House colours and please bring a hat, sunscreen and wattle bottle.

REMINDERS...

Lost Property

Please check our Lost Property if your child has lost something.



Naming student items

Please ensure that lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats, coats, tracksuit pants etc are labelled clearly with your child's name. Holidays provide a great time to rewrite labels that have worn off and to check once again that items that could be lost are clearly named.



Correct footwear at school

Students must wear joggers. Slip-on shoes and sand shoes are not appropriate for the range of activities our students participate in.



Correct Winter School Jumper

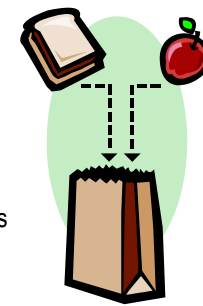
Please ensure students are wearing a bottle green school jumper as the weather gets cooler. The Uniform Shop at our school provides a jumper for \$25 if anyone would like to purchase one of these fleecy lined green jumpers.



TUCKSHOP – Orders in by 9am Friday

Tuckshop will be open tomorrow, last day of school for Term 1.

Donations appreciated at the tuckshop include – Brown paper bags



STUDENT BANKING – Wednesdays – 9am

The Commonwealth Bank is running a competition during Term 2. All you have to do is make three or more deposits through school banking and you will be automatically entered into the draw.

Major prize – one student will win an underwater family adventure holiday including:

- * Five nights accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast
- * VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros Movie World and Wet 'n Wild Gold Coast.
- * A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure and
- * A \$3,000 travel voucher to get them there.



Runner up Student prizes – 130 Toys R Us Gift cards \$250

There will be a separate draw of \$1,000 cash for a school in each State/Territory of Australia plus the School banking Coordinator will receive a \$250 Commonwealth Bank debit Card.

Visual Arts News

This Semester the students have been working very hard with great success on mixed media, drawing and painting.

The Preps have been learning about primary and secondary colours and geometric shapes. They have made some very interesting backgrounds using crepe paper and sprayed it with water. The colours mixed when the paper was wet then they collaged puffer fish onto these backgrounds.

Year Ones have drawn jungles using oil pastels and then painted over the top of their trees and plants and made birds from collage materials. They also have drawn creatures from the deep using pastels on black paper as well as creating an underwater scene that incorporated turtles, fish and seahorses.

The Year Twos and Year Threes have created a mixed media work that incorporated silhouettes and organic shapes and pattern. They used sgraffito to create interesting textures and layer colours. They have also used oil pastels to create a drawing of a Toucan in a jungle and then drawn seahorses in an underwater scene.

Years Four and Five have used silhouettes of faces, shape and pattern to create a NeoPopRealist work. They used mixed media of pen and oil pastels to create colourful and striking works. They have also used paint brushes with ink to create flowering trees and birds as well as creating an underwater scene with ink and watercolour pencils.

In LOTE we have been learning about currency conversion, from the Australian dollar to Japanese Yen. We have also done our test on it and most people did quite well. We have also been learning our numbers from 1 to 10000 in Japanese. Whether it's writing them or saying them, it's really fun. That is all in LOTE. By Lathan, Year 7

A photograph of a Japanese elementary school classroom. Several young students are seated at wooden desks, holding up white rectangular signs with handwritten hiragana characters. In the foreground, a girl holds a sign with 'うち' (uchi) and another student next to her holds a sign with 'い' (i). Other students in the background hold signs with 'し' (shi), 'き' (ki), 'あ' (a), and 'か' (ka). The classroom walls are decorated with colorful posters, including one with the title 'こんにちは' (Konnichiwa - Hello), and various educational materials. The students are wearing green school uniforms.



Callide Valley Show 2014 May 16th & 17th

Callide Valley Show Junior All Rounder – in Memory of Shelley Muller/Delroy
Highest Number of Points (\$50)
Highest Number of Exhibits (\$50)

- Horticulture
- Cake Decorating
- Cooking
- Needlework and Sewing
- Art
- Photography
- Scrapbooking
- Handicraft



Please see the show schedule at www.callidevalleyshow.org.au for more information and see what you can enter. ("Callide Valley Show" is now also on Face Book)

Charity Bowls Day for Kerry Roberts (Wilton) Biloela Bowls Club, April 5 from 11am. Barefoot Bowls, Memorabilia auction, Slave Auction, Free Jumping Castle, Raffles and prizes to be won. Live Entertainment by Russell Rogers. \$15 per person includes BBQ lunch. All proceeds will go to Kerry and her Family. She had a brain aneurism on 22nd December 2013 and to date is still in hospital.

